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MEMORANDUM

TO: Krista Lee Evans, Resource Policy Analyst, EQC – HB790 Subcommittee

FR: Monte Mason, Minerals Management Bureau Chief, DNRC-Trust Lands

RE: Split-Estate on State School Trust Lands – Data Request

DNRC manages approximately 5,158,071 surface and 6,224,202 oil & gas acres of state school trust land. This ownership breaks down as follows:

Acres by Ownership Rights	Surface	Oil & Gas
Whole Estate (both surface and oil & gas):	4,972,083	4,972,083
Surface Only (no oil & gas):	185,988	
Oil & Gas Only (no surface):		1,252,119
Total:	5,158,071	6,224,202

The department does not yet have mineral ownership layers for spatial (GIS) analysis. However, the figures above were queried from the department's ownership records and should be relatively accurate.

The department currently has over 1.3 million acres of school trust land leased for oil and gas exploration and production. We routinely deal with surface operations on both whole- and split-estate. If we can be of further assistance to the subcommittee, please let me know.